(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) The districts of Adilabad, Mahbubnagar, Karimnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, Vizianagaram, Nalgonda, Srikakulam, Warangal, Khammam, Visakhapatnam Kurnool, Anantpur, Prakasam, Rangareddi, Cuddapah, Chittoor, Nellore, East Godavari and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh have literacy rates below the national average.

(b) and (c) Under the centrally sponsored schemes such as Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-Formal Education and Adult Education Programmes, financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments for educational development. In addition, the entire State of Andhra Pradesh is covered by the Andhra Pradesh Primary Education Project which is financed by the Overseas Development Agency, the United Kingdom.

Private Sector Participation in Power Generation in Andhra Pradesh

195. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private entrepreneures have approached the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for setting up power generation projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such parties and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh invited offers for private sector participation by advertisement in newspapers on 28-8-1990. 61 offers from privte entrepreneurs have been received by the State Government for setting up of power generation projects. Nine offers were received for Vishakhapatnam TPS (2X500 MW), 28 offers were received for gas based power station, 24 offers were received for micro, hydel and other non-conventional sources and these offers are under consideration.

Foreign Airlines to operate in India

196. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit any foreign airline to operate in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) Foreign Airlines can operate to/from/through India in terms of bilateral agreements arrived at Government level. Such bilateral agreements already exist between India and various foreign countries and a large number of foreign airlines already have the rights to operate to|from|through India. No foreign airline is, however permitted to operate domestic services in India.

Price Control on Trinidazole

197. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price given on Form 1A of Trinidazole by M/s. Pfizer and Cadila and at what price the formulations based on this drug are being sold by these two companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that this drug has been exempted from price control;

(c) what is the annual turn over of the drug and what are the reasons for keeping this drug outside price control; and

(d) what exclusion criteria fixed by the Kelkar Committee are fulfilled by this drug?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The